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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7278

BILL NUMBER: HB 1166

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 28, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Mar 27, 2003

SUBJECT: Center for Coal Technology Research.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Frenz

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Weatherwax

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that the Center for Coal Technology Research may implement public education programs. The bill provides that the Center for Coal Technology Research administers the Indiana Coal Research Grant Fund. The bill requires the Center for Coal Technology to appoint an eight member panel to review and make recommendations about applications for coal research grants. It also provides that panel members be scientists, professional engineers or other professionals who are familiar with coal uses.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill transfers the administration of the Indiana Coal Research Grant Fund from the Department of Commerce to the Center for Coal Technology Research. Since its inception under P.L. 159-2002, the Fund has not received an appropriation or other funds.

Background Information: The Center for Coal Technology Research was established by P.L. 159-2002 to perform a variety of duties related to the use of coal in Indiana. As directed by statute, the Center will be housed at Purdue University in West Lafayette. The organization of the Center is to be directed by the Director of the Indiana Department of Commerce. The Center has not yet been established. The Department of Commerce reports that the meetings with stakeholders are being held to outline the direction of the Center.

The members of the panel created by the bill are not expected to receive per diem or travel expenses.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Commerce; Purdue University.

Local Agencies Affected:

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